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SUMMARY OF NEWS

CONDENSATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

General, Political, Religious, Sporting, Foreign and Other Events Recorded Here and There.

Political.

It was announced at Hot Springs that Chairman Hitchcock of the republican national committee will be postmaster general in the Taft cabinet.

Treasurer Sheldon's report shows that funds of five or six millions, such as were used in recent campaigns, are proved to have been wasteful if not a source of corruption.

Only two parties, the republican and the democratic, will participate in the next primary election in Iowa, in June, 1910.

William Hayward of Nebraska City, secretary of the national republican committee, attended the banquet given Chairman Frank Hitchcock in Washington.

Warning notes continue to come from Hot Springs that President-elect Taft will not stand for shuffling, evasion and perfunctory performance on tariff revision.

Indications are that Governor Sheldon will not fill several vacant official positions, but will leave them for his successor.

President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers in a formal statement charges that the tariff hearings are in charge of stand-patters and that the committee is seeking evidence of this kind.

Public Printer Leach resigned and President Roosevelt appointed Samuel B. Donnelly of Brooklyn.

Judge Taft attended religious services on Thanksgiving day.

Andrew Carnegie writes a letter giving his reasons for not appearing before the ways and means committee investigating the tariff.

General.

Chairman Payne in his answer to President Van Cleave's stricture of the tariff committees methods says the bill reported will be judged by the people on its merits and not on what advance critics think it may contain.

Japan and the United States have agreed to preserve status quo in the Pacific and open door for the Chinese empire.

A \$20,000,000 lumber deal is in process of formation, by which the white pine interests will be consolidated.

Mrs. Eleanor Cowper, a New York actress, took her life by sending a bullet through her heart.

Diplomatic relations between Turkey and Austria are strained over the Balkan situation.

Serenio Payne calls down J. W. Van Cleave for his refusal to testify before ways and means committee.

Ohio will soon elect a United States senator. Chas. P. Taft, a brother of the president, is a candidate.

Conditions in Haiti have about resumed their normal status.

John Gardner Coolidge, the American minister to Nicaragua, tendered his resignation. It is reported that Mr. Coolidge took this step because of disapproval of his government in meddling with the internal affairs of Nicaragua.

Eastern Iowa, southern Illinois and southwestern Missouri were visited by destructive storms.

The South Dakota land department completed a deal by which all the remaining capital building lands east of the Missouri have been disposed of. They comprise 4,846 acres in the counties of Faulk, Hyde and Potter, and will net the fund about \$30,000.

Governor Cummins of Iowa was elected United States senator by the legislature, to succeed W. B. Allison for his unexpired term.

Several new cases of foot and mouth disease were discovered among cattle in Pennsylvania. State and federal authorities are making strenuous efforts to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Sixteen persons were killed and twenty-three injured by a tornado in Arkansas.

Speaker Cannon in a formal statement says the next congress will revise the tariff in accordance with instructions from the people. The speaker says he will be elected by the republicans of the next congress.

Over 9,000,000 bales of cotton were produced according to the Department of Agriculture, in 1908.

The secretary of agriculture has issued a quarantine against the entire state of Michigan for the foot and mouth disease.

Mrs. Barbara Billik, mother of Herman Billik, condemned to hang December 11, at Chicago, received a letter from him bidding her farewell.

The fortieth anniversary of the Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias was celebrated in Omaha with a large attendance of prominent members of the order from all over the country.

Prince Tang Shao Yi and retinue arrived at San Francisco. He will remain until March.

Admiral Sperry has written an order that the men of the battleship fleet be not allowed to land at Manila on account of cholera.

First Lieutenant James S. Kennedy, medical reserve corps, has been detailed as a member of the army retiring board at Omaha, vice Captain James W. Vandusen, medical corps, relieved.

Prosecutor Heney of San Francisco is regarded as out of danger.

Payment of \$150,000 to Rosebud Sioux Indians has commenced.

Chief Wilkie of the secret service announced that a new counterfeit \$5 certificate (Indian head) has been detected in circulation, having first made its appearance in Providence, R. I.

The popular vote for president in Indiana was: Taft, 349,993; Bryan, 338,262; Chafin, 19,045; Watson, 1,334; Debs, 12,476; Breston, 643; Hisgen, 514.

Washington.

Former Senator Manderson is recovering and hopes soon to be able to present the case involving irrigation contract to the interior department.

The house committee has asked Andrew Carnegie to testify about conditions in iron and steel trade and needed changes in the tariff.

Cattle breeders of the state of Pennsylvania and New York will not be permitted to exhibit any cattle at the International Stock show, to be held in Chicago, owing to the violent prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in these states. This decision was reached at a meeting held at the White House.

Attorney General Bonaparte petitioned the United States supreme court for a writ granting the review of the Standard Oil case involving the Landis fine.

Another sweeping decision bearing on the registration of labels, has been rendered by the commissioner of patents, in which he holds that the protection of the law will not be given to any manufacturer who includes in his trademark the arms of the United States or those of the various states or cities of the country.

Senator Brown has been assigned the desk of Senator Long on the republican side, one of the most desirable locations on the floor of the upper branch of congress. It is learned that Senator Brown has some doubt about Senator Long's return to congress, and looking over the list filed on Long's seat.

H. W. Berger, one of the chemists of the Agricultural department, will leave Washington early this week for Omaha to take charge of the denatured alcohol plant which is now being installed in the building to be used for the corn exposition. Mr. Berger will relieve Dr. H. E. Sawyer, who is now in Omaha superintending the installation of the still, and will remain in Omaha during the corn exposition and have charge of the government's exhibit of its miniature still.

Foreign.

The arrest of Madame Steinhell in Paris in connection with charges growing out of the death of her husband caused a sensation. It is alleged that the crime was political and that men high in public life are involved.

Russian Terrorists are alleged to have made a plot to kill the dowager empress of Russia.

A British passenger steamer burned during a storm while leaving the port of Valetta, Malta, and more than 100 persons were drowned.

President Castro of Venezuela sailed for Bordeaux, where he will undergo a surgical operation.

Manila is making extensive preparations to entertain the men of the Atlantic fleet.

Speaking in the house of lords, Field Marshal Lord Roberts expressed the conviction that the lack of a military force sufficient to make hopeless the attempt of an invasion would, in all probability, be the cause of the loss of Great Britain's supremacy at sea.

Lord Roberts in a sensational speech in the House of Lords said that there is imminent danger of invasion of Great Britain by Germany and urged that the army be increased to 1,000,000 men.

A dispatch from Vienna says that a band of Servians, while crossing the Bosnian frontier near Sevornik, was repulsed by Austrian troops. The Servians lost seventeen men killed, and the Austrians three killed.

Personal.

The republican national committee made public the list of contributors to the fund of the campaign.

Speaker Cannon in a statement made in Chicago says he is in favor of prompt revision of the tariff in accordance with promises in the republican platform.

The Nebraska Bar association will probably recommend ten names to the governor from which to select five supreme judges.

Alfred H. Curtis, former bank president, had a long conference with Promoter Morse through bars of the Tombs in New York.

Governor Folk has decided that the republican elector was chosen in the Sixteenth Missouri district which was claimed by the democratic candidate.

O. L. Dickenson, assistant superintendent of transportation of western lines of the Burlington has been promoted and goes to Chicago.

BIG POSTAL DEFICIT

SERVICE LACKS MUCH OF BEING SELF-SUSTAINING.

LARGEST SHORTAGE IN HISTORY

And It is Estimated that for the Coming Year the Deficit Will Be Fully as Great.

Washington.—In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year \$191,478,663 and the expenditures as \$208,351,886, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,873,222, the largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,056. The deficit of 1909, it is estimated, again will exceed \$16,000,000.

Attention is particularly called to a number of improvements in business methods of the department as tending to its advantage and the saving of considerable amounts. Recommendation is again made for the creation of the position of director of posts, at a high salary, and who shall hold office during good behavior, the object being to have a continuity of policies for the benefit of the postal service and the people of the United States.

The necessity for good roads is pointed out in connection with the development of the rural free delivery service. It is suggested that should congress grant the department authority to utilize rural routes still further by the establishment of a limited parcel post, confined entirely to rural delivery routes, it would then be possible to earn additional revenue amounting to millions of dollars, and at the same time benefit the farmer by enabling him to have the merchandise delivered when ordered by telephone or postal card, which otherwise would not be purchased. "The special parcel post," says the postmaster general, "will enable the farmers to have small parcels delivered at their gates, to live better, and to obtain easily the necessities of life." Permission is requested to establish experimentally a limited parcel post in not to exceed four counties in order to demonstrate the practicability of the plan.

Postal Savings Banks. The postmaster general again urges legislation permitting the establishment of postal savings banks or depositories in connection with post-offices.

Experiments with stamp vending machines, says the postmaster general, are still being conducted, with every prospect that the defects which developed in the preliminary tests will be overcome. These machines, it is expected by the department, will add immensely to the public convenience. The campaign of education in the school houses in matters pertaining to the ordinary operation of the postal service, so as to emphasize the importance of careful addressing, the placing of the name and address of the sender on envelopes, etc., is recommended to be continued, so as to save hundreds of thousands of letters and packages from going to the dead letter office each year, as is now the case.

Suit to Break Father's Will. Chicago.—Leslie Dudley Carter, son of the late capitalist and financier, Leslie Carter, and of Mrs. Leslie Carter Payne, filed suit to break his father's will. This instrument left the estate to the testator's brothers and sisters, ignoring the son.

DEATH LIST GROWS. Company Now Admits Hundred and Thirty-eight Went Into Mine.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Up to 1 o'clock Monday morning fifty-two bodies had been recovered from the Rachel mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company at Marianna on Saturday. Of these, twenty-two have been fully identified.

A number of bodies have been located in the workings and are being brought out as rapidly as possible. At the present rate of progress nearly 100 bodies will probably be taken out by daylight, and it is now hoped that most, if not all, will have been found by evening. United States Mine Inspector James F. Roderick will be here today to start an investigation.

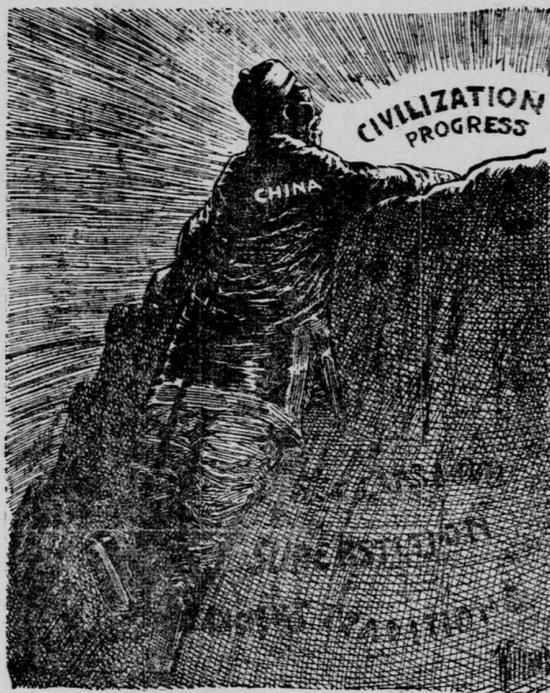
Raises Will Be Small. Washington.—Every member of the "official family" of Washington, from the president to the smallest office boy, is concerned in the appropriations bill for the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the government, which will be considered by a subcommittee of the appropriations committee of the house on Monday.

in accordance with President Roosevelt's request, no important increases of salary have been asked for by the heads of the various departments up to this time.

Europe Likes Agreement. Berlin.—The State department at Washington sounded the German foreign office in advance concerning the Japanese-American agreement for the maintenance of the integrity of China and of the status quo in the Pacific and was informed that it would be received here with the fullest approval, being in the interest of German. Germany's policy in the far east is identical with that of the United States, and it is one part of the world where the two governments have pronounced mutual concerns.

Kills Brother and Mother. New York.—With aim so deadly that all five shots he fired took effect, William Kallebrun of Jersey City Friday night shot and killed his brother Leo and then his aged mother, Mrs. Victoria Kallebrun. The tragedy took place in the apartments of Mrs. Kallebrun in New York. Kallebrun had come from Jersey City with a friend, Albert Trognay, to secure money from his brother Leo, and the shooting resulted from fact that Leo would not give his brother money. Kallebrun was arrested soon after the murder.

DAWN.



LAMPHERE GUILTY OF ARSON

IS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TWO TO 21 YEARS.

Verdict is a Compromise—Several Jurors Held Out Long for Life Sentence for Murder.

Laporte, Ind.—Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children, by setting fire to the Guinness house April 28, was found guilty of arson Thursday evening by the jury which had the case since 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Within five minutes after the verdict was reported, Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to 21 years. He will be taken to Michigan City at once to begin his sentence.

Attorney Worden for the defense said that a motion for a new trial would be made, and should it be refused, an appeal to the Indiana supreme court would follow. The Indiana supreme court is two years behind in its work and so this case could not be reached until after Lamphere had served the minimum time of his sentence.

The verdict was something of a compromise. Several members of the jury, it is understood, held out long for murder in the first degree with a life sentence. So far as could be learned, none was for hanging.

Lamphere Thursday night said that he was confident the dead body in the fire was Mrs. Guinness' regardless of what other people may think. He reiterated his innocence of setting fire to the house, though admitting that he was on the road and saw the fire that night. He also declared that he did not see Mrs. Guinness kill Helgelein.

"I have no complaint to make about the verdict. Things looked pretty blue, but the verdict might have been worse."

THREE NEGROES ARE LYNCHED. Mob at Tiptonville, Tenn., Hangs Slayers of Officer.

Union City, Tenn.—The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incidents the past month, witnessed the lynching, late Tuesday afternoon, of three negroes, who were arrested in the morning for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burrus, and fatally wounding Deputy John Hall.

The negroes were Marshall Stineback, Edward Stineback and Jim Stineback.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville Saturday night. When the two officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued in which the officers were shot.

Hannah Elias "Angel" Dies. New York.—John R. Platt, the retired glass manufacturer who four years ago vainly sued Hannah Elias in the supreme court to recover \$685,355, money which he alleged he had spent on the negroess since he became acquainted with her in 1896, died Thursday at the home of his daughter here in his eighty-ninth year.

Slayer of Husband Sentenced. Vermillion, S. D.—Mrs. Christiana Clark, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree in the killing of her husband last August, was sentenced Friday to three years and ten months at hard labor.

No Dinner Suicide Cause. Chicago.—Despondency over his inability to provide a big Thanksgiving dinner for his family is thought to have caused Stillis Hagen, 40 years old, 797 North Forty-first avenue, to commit suicide at his home by inhaling illuminating gas.

Pray for High Tariff. Joplin, Mo.—Protestant pastors throughout the Kansas and Missouri zinc mining district offered Thanksgiving day prayers for a higher tariff on zinc ore.

TOGA FOR CUMMINS AT LAST.

Iowa Governor Elected to Succeed Late W. B. Allison.

Des Moines, Ia.—Gov. A. B. Cummins became United States senator at 12:20 Tuesday. Cummins received 106 votes; Porter, (Dem.) 35. Three Republicans did not vote. He, long a leader of the progressive Republicans of Iowa, was formally elected United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator William B. Allison. No suspicion has arisen of a bolt by the stand-pat members of the legislature, which re-

fixed, at least so far as the principals are concerned, and a complete understanding is known to exist between them. As chairman of the Republican national committee, Mr. Hitchcock became more familiar than any other person with the political phase of questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration and the knowledge he gained regarding the personnel of the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration.

Besides these reasons the national chairman admittedly possesses a comprehensive as well as a technical knowledge of postal affairs, gained by a protracted experience as first assistant and acting postmaster general. Mr. Hitchcock, accompanied by Charles H. Boynton of New York, left here Friday night for Washington, where Saturday night he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the executive and advisory committees of the national committee. He then will visit headquarters in New York. It is altogether probable that from this time on Mr. Hitchcock will be frequently in conference with Judge Taft.

ACTRESS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. Mrs. Eleanor Cowper Shoots Herself in New York Hotel.

New York.—Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper, a widely-known playwright and actress, shot herself in her room at the St. Regis hotel Friday and probably died. She was a protegee and business partner of the late James H. Wallick, manager and actor, who killed himself at his home in Middletown, N. Y.

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Elopers Are Given \$50,000. New York.—Pleased at his son's pluck in defying parental authority to the extent of wedding the girl he loved, whether or no, Capt. John Fleming, a wealthy contractor and prominent Tammany Hall man, after his first anger had cooled, summoned the couple to him Tuesday and placed a check for \$50,000 in his son's hand.

"You're all right, my boy," said Capt. Fleming. "I'm proud of you because you went right ahead and married the girl you love. Now go where you like and don't come back until you have spent this."

Chaufeur Billed to Death. Cleveland, O.—A pillar of flame as he ran and leaped in his torture, Negro Williams, aged 26 years, a palmer chauffeur, was burned to death as a result of a gasoline explosion Friday night.

Hermit Author Found Dead. Chicago.—Surrounded by his only friends—his books—Dr. John Norris, 70 years old, an author and recluse, was found dead in his little cottage in Riverside. For several years Dr. Norris has been known as the "hermit of Riverside."

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HITCHCOCK CHOSEN

WILL BE POSTMASTER GENERAL IN TAFT'S CABINET.

HAS ACCEPTED THE PLACE

Republican National Chairman First One Selected Because of His Ability to Advise the President-Elect.

Hot Springs, Va.—Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet that is to be.

The official announcement of this conclusion regarding the first cabinet selection of President-elect Taft doubtless will not be made until Mr. Taft has completed his cabinet, at which time it will be announced en bloc. Because of this view of the situation no expression regarding the selection of Mr. Hitchcock was obtainable for publication from either Mr. Taft or the Republican national chairman. There were many reasons, it was pointed out, why it was expedient that Mr. Hitchcock's status should be



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PACT WITH JAPAN IS MADE

AGREEMENT COVERS POLICY OF NATIONS IN PACIFIC.

America and Mikado's Country to Defend China's Integrity by Every Peaceful Means.

Washington.—Despite official reticence, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far-reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.

The agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guaranty to respect each other's territorial possessions there, but defines the attitude of the two countries towards China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity in the Chinese empire to all nations. But more important still, the agreement, in the event of complications threatening the status quo, binds the United States and Japan to consult each other with a view to acting together.

The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles, of which the following is an accurate and faithful description. The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific. The second is a mutual disclaimer of an aggressive design, and contains also a definition of the policy of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific, and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China. The third article contains a statement of the consequent "firm" reciprocal resolution of each government each to respect the territorial possession in the Pacific of the other. In the fourth article the United States and Japan express their determination, "in the common interest of all the powers," in China to support "by all peaceful means and at their disposal" the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations in the empire. The fifth article mutually pledges the two governments, in the case of "the occurrence of any event threatening the status quo, as above described, or the principle of equal opportunity, as above defined," to communicate with each other for the purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding with regard to the measures they may consider it useful to take.

STEAMER RAMMED AND SUNK. Disaster in Fog Off Sandy Hook Costs Four Lives.

New York.—In the thick of a fog off Sandy Hook Thursday the stout steel freighter Georgic of the White Star line rammed and sank the lightly-laden Panama line steamer Finance, outward bound, with 86 passengers. The Finance went down within ten minutes after the collision, carrying to their death three of her passengers, and one of the crew.

The rest of the passengers, who included 19 women and 14 children, as well as others of the crew, were rescued by the boats of the Georgic. The freighter was not damaged.

Of the passengers lost, one was a woman, Miss Irene Campbell of Panama, who clung frantically to the rail of the sinking vessel and could not be persuaded to release her hold, nor were the men who manned the small boats able forcibly to remove her.

12 WEDDINGS, ONE DIVORCE. Startling Statistics on Legal Separations in United States.

Washington.—Higher divorce rate in the United States than in any of the foreign countries where statistics are available, is announced by the census bureau, which in a bulletin just issued, says that at least one marriage in twelve in this country ultimately terminates in divorce.

The report covers the 20 years from 1887 to 1906, inclusive. From 1887 to 1906 there were 12,832,044 marriages and 945,625 divorces, against 328,716 divorces for the preceding 20 years. Divorce is now 2 1/2 times as common, compared with the married population, as it was 40 years ago. Utah and Connecticut are the only two states showing decreased divorce rate. Desertion caused 38.9 of the total divorces in the 20 years.

Three Hunters Probably Drowned. Thessalon, Ont.—William Menor, D. Menor, his son, and Fred Eno failed to return from a hunting trip when expected. Friday a searching party found the wreck of their rowboat. It is believed the boat capsized in the rapids and that all three were drowned.

Ptomains Kill Rich Banker. Tulsa, Okla.—J. J. George McGannon, millionaire president of the Central National bank here, died Friday of ptomaine poisoning contracted while dining in a hotel. McGannon came here two years ago from Seneca, Mo.

Escaped Convict Is Caught. Chelsea, Mich.—A man arrested on suspicion here was identified Friday as Harry Robinson, 58 years old, who escaped from prison at Atlanta, Ga., March 21, 1908. He was serving time for a train robbery in Arkansas.